

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 September 1956		2. LOCATION Bloomfield, Crane & Vincennes, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1910 - 1930 CST (N) GMT 18/0010Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes/5 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two & one		9. COURSE north	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) Two objects with unknown shape. and size. Color white to red to green. Object seemed to float around & then stand still. No sound, no trail, there were transport a/c and jet planes in area. 2) 18/0020Z One egg-shaped silver object, size of a nickel at arm's length. Object was initially sighted in the east, traveled a SW course & disappeared in the south by fading out of sight. Object was viewed visually for 5 mins.				11. COMMENTS Concur w/preparing officer and conclude fm Form 164 that sighting caused by a/c.	

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2466TH AIR RESERVE FLYING CENTER
United States Air Force
Bakalar Air Force Base
Columbus, Indiana

DO

OCT 20 1956

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Report of "UFOB"

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, with the exception of AF Form 112 procurability, the attached report is forwarded.

2. This organization was not the original reporting agency and in accordance with Section 4, paragraph b, AFR 200-2, has conducted no field investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

W. L. BAIBOURN
CWO, W-3, USAF
Adjutant

1. Incl
Ltr, US Naval Ammu Depot
Crane, Indiana
9 Oct 56

U. S. NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT
CRANE, INDIANA

IN REPLY REFER TO:

A8(2)-ADE:hmm
Ser 2045
9 October 1956

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana
To: Commanding Officer, Bakalar Air Force Base, Columbus, Indiana

Subj: Unidentified flying objects; report of investigation of

Ref: (a) 9ND INSTR 3820.1A dtd 2 February 1956

Encl: (1) NOC 1048 for 17 September 1956 (erroneously dtd 19 Sept 56)

1. Subject report has been compiled in accordance with reference (a).
2. On the evening of 17 September 1956, six persons from Crane Village, located on the western edge of the Depot, reported seeing unidentified flying objects. Two persons reported seeing unidentified flying objects over the Depot that same evening from a farm on [REDACTED] Bloomfield, Indiana.
3. The Crane Village witnesses all agreed that the objects were sighted between 1910 and 1930. Two objects were seen several miles to the north-east. The objects would float around then stand still. There was a bright light on each object changing in color from white to red to green.
4. A large aircraft was reported by the Crane Village witnesses to have approached the two objects and banked toward one of them, then turned away in a dive toward the other approximately 2000 feet away. The two objects were reported to have maneuvered for a while as if chasing one another, and then sped away to the north. One witness stated that the objects left faster than any aircraft he had ever seen.
5. Twilight had descended and none of the Crane Village witnesses could see the shape of the objects. One witness states that these objects gave off an illuminating glow. Most of the witnesses stated that the objects were at an altitude of 2000 to 3000 feet and that no noises were heard nor vapor trails seen.
6. The names, addresses and occupations of the Crane Village witnesses are as follows:

1.	[REDACTED]	Salvage Yard
2.	[REDACTED]	Chief Clerk, Supply
3.	[REDACTED]	Operates Station
4.	[REDACTED]	Housewife
5.	Miss [REDACTED]	5 & 10 Store Crane
6.	[REDACTED]	Supply


7. The witnesses from [REDACTED] Bloomfield, Indiana, are Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], who saw the objects from their farm home on the evening

of 17 September 1956 at 1800 Central Standard Time. They reported seeing two objects approximately three miles high over the northeast section of the Depot. They said that each object bore a bright light which turned red when the object moved around, that they had at first seen a single large light that changed course frequently and at times stood still, that a smaller light detached itself from the larger one, and that the larger object chased the smaller object for approximately twenty minutes. They said that the only other object they saw in the area was a jet plane that flew over the objects at a distance of approximately 1000 feet and did not appear to have sighted them. Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] reported hearing no noise from the objects although in their opinion they were close enough to the objects to have heard a motor. They said the objects left traveling northeast at a high rate of speed after approximately thirty minutes.

8. Enclosure (1) was prepared from a description of aircraft in the area at the time the unidentified flying objects were sighted. The description was given by the sentry on duty at the time at Gate #1, which is located at the northeast corner of the Depot, approximately 10 miles from Crane Village which is located on the western edge of the Depot.

9. This report was prepared by the Legal Officer attached to the Depot, whose comments and preliminary analysis of possible causes is as follows:

The red color could have been caused by the flaming engines of the two transports reported over the Depot by the sentry. Since the witnesses had no perspective, the circling planes might have appeared at times to hover. If a jet flew past the transports, the contrast between speeds must have been pronounced. Aircraft occasionally fly over the Depot.


H. S. HARNLY

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CNO

Commander, Eastern Sea Frontier

Commandant, 9ND

ENCLOSURE (1)

NOC 1048

REPORT OF LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT OVER NAD, CRANE, INDIANA

1. Date and Time (C.S.T.) sighted 9/19/56 10:20
2. Depot location over which plane passed Gate #1, Circled 3" Area and then back off Depot
3. Direction of travel of plane West - then circled back east.
4. Estimated altitude of plane _____
5. Serial number of plane (Use binoculars if available) Unable to obtain
6. Color markings of plane _____
7. Any other descriptive information such as maneuvers, number of passengers, etc. Gate #1 reported 2 transports flying over Gate to 3" area and returned and left Depot. One plane appeared blazing a big long light under plane or the Marine Sentry thought it could have been on fire.

Officers Name

India 2

Zone

Enclosure (1)

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